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1. SCIATT PROVIDED INFORMATION (BY LETTER DATED 17 JULY) IN REFS B, C, AND D TO UNDP DEPUTY RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE ED WHITE FOR REVIEW BY LOCAL (ANKARA) UNFPA REPRESENTATIVE CHITTONE. INFORMAL RESPONSE VIA UNDP IN RECENT TELCON WITH SCIATT WAS AFFIRMATIVE FOR EMBASSY-NOMINATED INDIVIDUALS DR. FARROKH AMINZADEH, DIRECTOR, POPULATION AND MANPOWER BUREAU, PBO, AND MISS S. FARMAN-FARMAIAN, FPA.
2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED 31 JULY FROM N. FAKHAR, M.D., UNDERSECRETARY FOR HEALTH, POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING, IDENTIFYING THREE ADDITIONAL NOMINEES, IN RESPONSE TO THE EMBASSY'S 25 JUNE 1978 LETTER APPRISING FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE OF THE MANILA CONFERENCE AND INVITING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NOMINEES FROM IRAN. REPLY FROM FAKHAR FOLLOWS:
"DEAR MR. ADLER, THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE WITH THANKS RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER DATED 25 JUNE 1978 CONCERNING THE WORLD POPULATION SOCIETY CONFERENCE IN MANILA FROM 24-28 OCTOBER
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1978 AND INFORM YOU THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE SELECTED TO ATTEND. H.E. DR. ABDOLHAMID EMAMI, ADVISOR TO THE MINISTER; DR. HOSSEIN PARSA, GYNECOLOGIST, JAHAN SHAH SALEH HOSPITAL; DR. ALI EFTEKHARI, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SEMNAN REGIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE ORGANIZATION. LOOKING FORWARD TO HEAR OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS REGARD, SINCERELY YOURS, N. FAKHAR, M.D., UNDER-SECRETARY FOR HEALTH, POPULATION AND FAMILI PLANNING."

3. IN VIEW OF REF D PARA 3 REQUEST FOR THREE NOMINATIONS, EMBASSY PROPOSES: AID/UNFPA CONSIDERATION OF ALL FIVE NOMINEES WITH A DETERMINATION THAT THERE BE OFFICIAL INVITEES REQUIRED TO GIVE FORMAL PRESENTATIONS WITH EXPENSES TO BE COVERED BY UNFPA REMAINING TWO QUALIFIED NOMINEES WOULD BE INVITED ALSO TO WPS, WITH PARTICIPATION TO EXTENT DESIRED BY GOI, BUT WITH CAVEAT THAT THESE TWO NOMINEES TRAVEL AND PARTICIPATE AT MANILA SEMINAR AT NO COST TO UNFPA.

4. SITUATION OF FIVE QUALIFIED NOMINEES FROM IRAN IS VIEWED AS SOMEWHAT DELICATE BY EMBASSY SINCE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE WAS FULLY AWARE OF NOMINEES AMINZADEH AND FARMAN-FARMAIAN AS WELL AS LIMIT OF THREE PRIOR TO PREPARATION OF MINISTRY'S 31 JULY 31 LETTER TO EMBASSY.

5. IF ABOVE (PARA 3) APPROACH IS ACCEPTABLE EMBASSY WILL ADVISE UNDP TO CONTACT CHITTONE WITH NAMES OF ALL FIVE NOMINEES AND WILL RECOMMEND FOLLOW-THROUGH ON ABOVE (PARA 3) BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. SUMMARY INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN REF A PARA 1 HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY.

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